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Expandable beads (I) are prepared by (1) polymerising in aqueous suspension at 80-150 deg C under 1-20 bars pressure for 6-20 hrs. at least one vinyl aromatic monomer (II) in presence of (A) effective amount of at least one polymerisation initiator, (B) effective amount of at least one suspension stabiliser, (C) 0.01-0.6% (all pts. by weight), on weight (II), at least one **polyethylene wax** (III). (D) 0.005-0.1%, on weight (II), at least one nonionic surfactant (IV) having hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HLB) 7-16. (2) adding effective amount of at least one expanding agent.
Prods. obtd. from (I), containing 0.01-0.6% at least one (III) and 0.005-0.1% at least one (IV), partic. as pre-expanded beads or as moulded articles.
USE/ADVANTAGE - Thermal insulation, packaging. Cooling time of moulded expanded prod. from (I), i.e., time taken by moulded article for pressure on wall of mould to fall to 1.15 bars) is shortened, permitting greater production rate, without affecting thermal conductivity. @ (5pp Dwg.No.0/0)
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Prepn. of expandable polymer beads comprises, a) the polymerisation in aq. suspension at a temp. of 80-150 deg.C at a pressure of 1-20 bars, for a period of 6-20 hrs. of at least one vinylaromatic monomer, in an effective quantity of at least one polymerisation initiator and of an effective quantity of at least one susp. stabiliser and, b) the addn. of an effective quantity of at least one blowing agent. The polymerisation is performed in the presence, relative to the vinylaromatic monomer, of 0.01-0.6 wt. % of one **polyethylene wax** and 0.005-0.1 wt. % of one nonionic surface active agent with an HLB (hydrophile lipophile balance) value of 7-16.
Initiator used in pref. quantity of 1 wt. % relative to the vinylaromatic monomer and the quantity of susp. stabiliser is not more than 1 wt. %. The wt. ratio of water is pref. close to 1 the blowing agent is from the pref. satd. hydrocarbons and used in a quantity less than 1 wt. % of the vinylaromatic monomer. **Polyethylene wax** is used at a rate of 0.1-0.3 wt. % and nonionic surface active agent at a rate of 0.02-0.04 wt. %/
USE/ADVANTAGE - Considerable redn. in the cooling time of the moulded articles.